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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Crisanto Martinez Lopez, 25, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to nine years in prison for possessing with intent to distribute one kilogram of cocaine on October 10, 2007. Martinez Lopez pleaded guilty to this offense on December 7, 2007.

On October 10, 2007, Martinez Lopez was arrested with a kilogram of cocaine in his waistband. Martinez Lopez had agreed to deliver the kilogram to a customer, whom he was not aware was working with the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

After arresting Martinez Lopez, officers conducted a search of his apartment, where they recovered approximately 227 grams of crack cocaine, 987 grams of heroin, two firearms, and a scale. The crack cocaine, heroin and firearms were taken into account at sentencing.

Martinez Lopez will be subject to deportation upon completion of his sentence.

The charge against Martinez Lopez was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement

Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S.
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